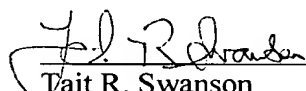


REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12-15, 17-24, and 31-33. The Examiner also allowed claims 1-9, 11, and 25-28. Applicants canceled claims 10, 16, 29, and 30 in a previous communication. Applicants thank the Examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter in the present claims. By the present Response, Applicants have chosen to place the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants cancel claims 12-15, 17-24, and 31-33 without prejudice. Upon entry of the amendments, only the allowed claims 1-9, 11, and 25-28 will remain pending in the present patent application and, thus, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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